

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 160

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amanda Lay on her selection as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades PreK–4 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee’s students; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Lay is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lay was recently selected as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades PreK–4 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School for the past seven years, Amanda Lay holds a graduate degree in education from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, the first-grade chairperson and first-grade Professional Learning Community leader at her school, Ms. Lay has been a mentor to a first-year teacher and hosted student teachers and practicum students on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lay is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Amanda Lay teaches Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at Manley Baptist Church in addition to volunteering her time and talents as an assistant with the Operation Christmas Child Donation Drive, and service as a Little League cheerleading coach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lay is truly an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Lay epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Amanda Lay on being chosen as the 2015 Jefferson County Grades PreK–4 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.